

FARA December 2021 Club Meeting Minutes

FARA held its December meeting on 12/2/21 via Zoom. The president, John Iwuc KB1VXY, chaired the meeting.

John welcomed everyone. He acknowledged Todd Nielsen KC1MIF, a new ham and hopefully a future member of the club.

Treasurer and Webmaster's Report

The treasurer and webmaster, Steve Moro N1MH, gave the report. We renewed our fara.org Internet domain name.

We are encouraging everyone to pay their 2022 dues. About half the members have paid. After January 31 only paid members will have a vote.

We are in the process of registering as a non-profit organization with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Steve and the accountant are preparing Massachusetts Form PCs for the last four years.

Secretary and EchoLink Maintainer's Report

The secretary and EchoLink maintainer, Andy Boughton KC1DMM, gave the report. The minutes of the November club meeting are posted on the w1fy.org web site. The club approved the meeting minutes for June through November.

EchoLink is mostly working. However EchoLink stations can miss a syllable or two if a radio station starts a transmission in a soft voice. Andy will see if this problem can be reduced by careful adjustment of the VOX threshold.

Repeater Report

The repeater trustee, Dave Miscia KB1YXL, gave the report. The repeater is working.

Future Meetings

David Hoaglin K1HT is selecting DX expedition videos for the traditional January meeting.

The February meeting presentation is currently open.

Edison Fong WB6IQN will give the March meeting presentation. Edison is on the faculty of UC Santa Cruz. His courses include RF Wireless Communication. He designed and patented four VHF/UHF antennas. His articles appeared in the March 2017, February 2003, and March 2007 editions of QST.

Tom Frenaye K1KI will give the April meeting presentation.

In addition we hope that some members will volunteer to give virtual shack tours during these meetings.

Upcoming Contests

John mentioned some of the upcoming contests including 160 Meter on December 3 and 10 Meter on December 11. More information can be found at

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

Presentation

After the conclusion of the business meeting Art Lipatov W1JAR gave a very well received presentation on Digital Voice Modes.

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List of Attendees

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Steve Moro	N1MH
Victor Anderson	K1VEA
Todd Nielsen	KC1MIF
Art Lipatov	W1JAR
John Iwuc	KB1VXY
Adrian Zeffert	AB2IX
Andy Boughton	KC1DMM
Stephen Babbitt	KC1LPZ
Sumner Weisman	W1VIV
Larry Griffin	KB1GMU
Joe Wiesenfeld	N1JIW
Dave Miscia	KB1YXL
Peter Morrison	AC1KY
Bill Nicholson	N1WEN
Bruce Rusch	W1HNZ
Richard Whalen	KC1NXT
Steve Thierauf	W1FS